

## TILDEN COULDN'T FIND COMMITTEE

After Learning of Adjournment Until Next Thursday, He Returns Quietly to Chicago.

Springfield, Ill., April 7. — Edward Tilden, president of the National Packing company of Chicago, who was Wednesday named by Clarence S. Funk, general manager of the International Harvester company, as the receiver of an alleged \$100,000 Lorimer slush fund, for more than an hour Wednesday walked about the capitol building here trying to deliver himself to the Helm bribery committee under a subpoena served upon him Wednesday in Chicago.

The subpoena directed him to appear before the Helm commission yesterday. It was made out by the committee prior to the taking of Clarence S. Funk's testimony. Through some oversight the committee's process server failed to notify Mr. Tilden of the committee adjournment until next Thursday and that in consequence his presence would not be necessary until that time. As soon as Mr. Tilden learned of this he returned to Chicago.

Lack of acquaintance in legislative circles enabled Mr. Tilden to roam through the state house without his presence being discovered by the reporters who were upon his trail. Persons to whom Tilden applied for information did not know him and he did not make his identity known.

Unable to find Chairman Helm, Mr. Tilden sought Senator Logan Hay, another member of the senate bribery committee. To Senator Hay he explained that the subpoena directed his presence before the committee this afternoon. Senator Hay explained the error which had been made in not notifying Tilden of the adjournment and released him until next Thursday.

Senator Hay informed no one of the matter and Mr. Tilden returned to Chicago on a train this afternoon without being interviewed.

Despite the fact that the inquisitors are keeping their plans of procedure secret, many house members gained the impression that the committee has prepared to summon them.

Subpoenaing house members undoubtedly will result in a clash between the two bodies, the outcome of which cannot be foreseen.

Two process servers who are now engaged in summoning witnesses to appear before the committee next Thursday are expected to be kept busy serving subpoenas throughout the state until next week.

## COUNT ZEPPELIN GREETED ROYALTY IN HIS DIRIGIBLE

By Associated Press.

Stuttgart, Germany, April 7.—Count Zeppelin in his dirigible balloon, New Duetland, arrived here at three o'clock this afternoon, having left Friedrichshafen at 8:25, carrying several passengers. He came to greet King William II, of Wurtemberg and Queen Charlotte, on the occasion tomorrow of their silver wedding anniversary. The king and queen are both aerial enthusiasts. Two years ago they flew with Zeppelin over Lake Constance, being the only reigning royalists that ever so ventured.

Circling over the palace here Zeppelin dropped a parachute bouquet, with greetings to the king and queen. He will fly from here to Baden and Dueseldorf.

J. C. Starr accompanied by Father Charles Van Hulse, went to Claremore today to attend the funeral of Mr. Starr's nephew, Evan Chambers.

Springfield Mayor Disappears. Springfield, Mo., April 7.—Robert E. Lee, mayor of this city, was married to Mrs. Kate Cozzens, police matron, Friday. Sunday noon he disappeared. Since then neither his new wife nor friends have seen him, although it is believed relatives know his whereabouts.

## FASTING PRIEST COLLAPSES UNDER DOUBLE STRAIN

By Associated Press.

Viterbo, Italy, April 7.—Again today the trial of the Camorristi, was interrupted, when Circo Vitozzi, the accused priest, weakened by his self-imposed fast, fainted. He was under interrogation and had worked himself into such a state of mental and physical exhaustion that he tumbled over against the steel bars of the prisoner's cage. Lawyers and carabinieri rushed to his assistance and in the confusion President Bianchi declared the sitting suspended. At the same time the court ordered Vitozzi to break his fast with the yolks of a half dozen eggs.

## VINITA BUILDING SPIRIT REVIVED

Commercial Club Holds Interesting Meeting—Committee to Investigate Lot Proposition.

Last night's meeting of the Commercial Club was one of the most interesting held by that organization in many months. While there was nothing of a definite nature accomplished at this meeting the spirit of the meeting was what made it interesting. The attendance was larger than for several months and among those present there seemed a determination to make the club a more important factor in the building of a better Vinita. The organization of the retail men's association prevented the club from meeting as early as had been expected. However, the club finally got to business and took up for discussion several projects pending before the club.

The proposition of W. B. Dupue to transfer ten acres in South Park addition to the club, to be subdivided and sold by the club, was discussed at length. It was decided to appoint a committee to investigate this proposition, with power to act.

## Birth Rate Makes Good Showing.

Oklahoma City, April 7.—The number of births in Oklahoma during the month of February outnumbered the deaths almost three to one according to the report of Dr. J. C. Mahr for February. The total number of births was 2,581 with 875 deaths.

Pneumonia was the most prevalent disease during the month. There were 500 cases with 185 deaths. There were 362 cases of scarlet fever with 16 deaths and 205 cases of smallpox with only one death.

## GLASSY CARD OFFERED BY VINITA ATHLETIC CLUB

What is doped as the best card ever offered Vinita fight fans is the bout tonight between Al Alleger, the fast Joplin fighter, who won from Bart Gordon here two weeks ago, and Jack O'Leary, another aspirant for the middleweight honors. Both fighters are said to be in fine shape and a classy battle is anticipated. Two preliminaries to the main show will be offered. One of these will be the battle royal between several negroes.

## TO REMOVE NEGRO TROOPS FROM SAN ANTONIO POST

Announced Determination of President Causes Much Comment at San Antonio—"Jim Crow" Signs in Street Cars Caused Riots—In Some Instances Negro Soldiers Attacked Conductors.

San Antonio, Tex., April 7.—The determination of President Taft to send the Ninth United States cavalry, made up of negro soldiers away from San Antonio because of the disturbances they have made in the city of San Antonio has caused wide comment here. All the street cars in San Antonio are on the "Jim Crow" type, and the colored soldiers have several times torn down the signs in the cars designating seats for white and colored passengers. When remonstrated with in two instances they have set upon conductors and beaten them severely. The disturbances became so aggravated that the mayor of San Antonio went to Major Macomb, who commands the regiment, laid the facts before him and demanded that the colored troops be required to obey the laws so long as they remained in the city.

Major Macomb admitted the seriousness of the matter and said that it was his purpose so far as he was able to compel his men to behave themselves. When men went into the town on pass and filled up on liquor and seized on a pretext for trouble, however, he declared, it was impossible to prevent rows such as were complained of by the city authorities. President Taft after hearing the complaints sent for Major General Wood, chief of staff, and directed that orders be issued to relieve the Ninth from further service in the divisional brigade of cavalry at San Antonio and send the regiment to duty patrolling the Mexican border as far out in the desert as possible and necessarily away from cities and towns where they might have opportunity to make trouble with the citizens of the country.

## People of all Northwest Watching "Spotless Town"

Spokane, Wash., April 7.—One of the most unique and wholesome spectacles ever witnessed on this continent will be the cleaning and special Arbor day celebration in Spokane the latter part of April, when the city commissioners will co-operate with the residents in an effort to make Spokane a "spotless town." Mayor William J. Hindley will proclaim a public holiday to start the campaign, after which the city beautiful committee of the Chamber of Commerce and allied organizations will take charge.

"Our arrangements are not yet completed," Mayor Hindley said, "but I believe we can bring out from 45,000 to 50,000 men and women, including railroad and bank presidents, manufacturers, wholesale and retail dealers and society matrons, on the opening day to assist in beautifying the residence districts. The city crematory department will take care of the business streets and alleys and special detachments of firemen will be on hand to avert fires. The refuse will be destroyed under their direction."

Aubrey Lee White, president of the Spokane park commission, is the originator of the municipal cleaning day plan, first worked out in this city early in the spring of 1906 through the city beautiful committee of the 150,000 club, now headed by C. Herbert Moore, formerly mayor of the city. It has become an annual institution in Spokane and has been taken up by other cities in the United States and the Dominion of Canada.

Twenty thousand men, women and school children participated in the first annual cleaning day, five years ago. The army of volunteer workers, composed of people from all walks of life, was under the direction of City Engineer Henry J. Lilienthal, who was marshal of the day. The men and boys were armed with shovels, pruning implements and rakes, while the women and girls assisted in planting trees and shrubs and flower seeds. They worked from early morning until the sun passed from view behind the western hills and the results were highly satisfactory.

Five hundred teams were provided by the 150,000 club, mill-owners, business houses and residents generally to haul the garbage to the municipal incinerating plants, and special firemen were stationed in various parts of the city and outskirts to supervise the destruction of refuse by bonfires. Business was suspended during the hours the people were engaged in cleaning the city.

The 150,000 club turned out its entire membership of 3,200 in command of Hon. H. Rice, then secretary of the organization and the Ne-Mow-E-Nak-Ops, the woman's auxiliary, headed by

Mrs. F. F. Emery, assisted the school girls with the planting of shrubs and flowering vines and seeding plots of ground. Ten thousand packets of flower seeds were used. When Spokane awakened the next morning the city presented the appearance of a new pin.

Beautification and artistic improvements were noticeable in all parts of the city and it was generally conceded that the first cleaning day campaign was one of the most successful semi-civic movements carried to a successful conclusion in Spokane and the northwest. Then and there it was decided to devote one day each year to this work. Afterward the campaign was extended to cover six days, closing with an Arbor day celebration the last afternoon of the week.

Another movement in connection with the cleaning day plan was the organization of the Spokane Tree Planting association with 10,000 active members among the children above the third grade in the public schools. Pupils promising to plant one or more trees or shrubs a year are eligible to free membership. The certificates presented to the children contain full instructions in taking up and transplanting trees and shrubs, also hints on caring for the plants. To defray the expense of the organization special membership cards were sold to adults at \$1 each.

The city beautiful committee is declared to be one of the best organized bodies in America. In addition to the chairman and permanent secretary, there is a vice chairman in each ward, a captain in each precinct and a lieutenant in every block within the incorporated city limits. There also is a joint committee or twenty business men, making up the subcommittees on cleaning day, public buildings, parks, driveways and alleys, streets, bridges and tree planting. The joint committee meets twice a week, when plans are submitted for discussion, and upon adoption the work is carried out through the captains in the various wards.

The older boys in colleges and high schools are organized to assist the officers of the association in reporting districts or lots that require attention. The captains and lieutenants of the companies of boys make tours of every block in their neighborhood, to oversee the work. They are supplied with blanks to make reports on the location of ash-piles, refuse littered alleys, neglected lawns and trees and broken fences and sidewalks, and as soon as these are checked the work of betterment begins.

The success of the several campaigns resulted in the formation of a civic plan commission, consisting of fifty liberal and esthetically educated bus-

## Woman Mayor Counted Out.

Wellington, Kans., April 7.—After winning the mayoralty of Hunnewell, Kans., in the election, Mrs. Ella Wilson has been counted out by the town council, who pronounced her opponent, O. M. Akers, elected. Mrs. Wilson will contest.

## AFTER TEN YEARS INDICTED BREWER SURRENDERS

By Associated Press.

St. Louis, Mo., April 7.—Ellis Wainwright, the millionaire brewer, who was in Europe when indicted in 1901 on a charge of bribery, in connection with the street railway franchise, surrendered to the sheriff today and was released on \$20,000 bond. Wainwright was abroad when former circuit attorney, Joseph W. Folk, began probing the bribery scandals in St. Louis. Wainwright was one of the directors of the St. Louis Suburban Railway company, whose names, it is alleged, were signed to notes for \$135,000 to obtain the passage of the franchise bill.

## DALQUEST WILL HEAD RETAILERS

Organization of Vinita Retail Merchants' Association Perfected at Meeting Last Night.

Vinita now has a full fledged retail men's association. For the past week the state organizer has been endeavoring to get the Vinita men together. At a meeting last night the Vinita Retail Merchants' association was organized.

The meeting was called to order by State Organizer A. Jacobsen, who made a short talk regarding organization, after which the following officers were elected, to serve for one year: L. D. Dalquest, president; Thos. Ridgeway, vice president; Harry E. Bagby, treasurer; W. H. Deck, Secretary.

Directors—R. E. Thompson, J. H. Wimer, Emmett Skinner, Frank Smiley, S. E. Wallen, S. L. Smith, Frank Reed, C. A. White, W. B. Coley, C. E. Lahman, A. T. King, Louis Nipp, A. A. Looney, F. M. Lewis, Marshall Stevens, F. L. Kelley, O. B. Delaney. Executive Committee—Thos. Ridgeway, chairman; C. E. Lahman, secretary; W. B. Coley, S. L. Smith, Frank Reed.

Other committees are to be appointed by the president.

The association organized with forty-four members and with more expected to join at once.

## Fifty Entombed in Mine.

By Associated Press.

Scranton, Pa., April 7.—Fifty to seventy-five men, employed in the Bancroft mine, of the Scranton Coal company, at Throope, are entombed in the inner workings, with all chances of escape, it is believed, cut off, and with fire eating along the entire vein, owing to the engine house having been set ablaze. The mine is equipped with two openings, but the location of the burning engine room is such as to have cut off escape by both these routes.

The Vinita Building & Loan Association has just closed its second year and the facts set forth in the page ad in this issue are of great interest.

Grant Victor was in the city last night en route from Muskogee to his farm near Afton.

ness and professional men to work out a practical program for water, sewer, transportation, parks and boulevard system and municipal art in Spokane for the next fifty years. Experts declare this is one of the most important and far-reaching pieces of business wisdom yet advanced by any American city.

George Wharton James, one of the foremost municipal art critics in America, said after examining the Spokane plan:

"I look upon Spokane as one of the most—if not the most—enlightened and hopeful of the younger cities in regard to general civic art improvements that the United States has today, and I heartily commend its spirit to those who are seeking the way to educate and arouse public sentiment in their own cities as to what should and can be done."

## TWO SUSPECTS IN CUSTODY AT TULSA

Posses Are Still Pursuing Two Other Members of Band And Bandits Are Reported Surrounded.

Tulsa, Okla., April 7.—Two men, alleged to have been implicated in the robbery of the First State bank at Broken Arrow, near here, early Thursday, have been arrested. A man giving the name of Fred Walker was captured after a running fight with Grant Pilkington, a policeman, and Jack Lane, a cowboy, in a deep ravine, near Turkey mountain, late Thursday. He is said to have confessed.

The other man now being held is John Bowman, who was under bond on a charge of robbing a store at Skiatook, Okla., a year ago. He denies he had anything to do with the robbing of the bank.

When arrested, Walker was found to have burglar tools and a pair of revolvers. His captors tied his hands together with barbed wire fence and forced him to walk to Tulsa.

Posses still are pursuing the other supposed members of the quartet and it is reported that the bandits are surrounded near Turkey mountain. The robbers got \$400 but overlooked \$7,000 in the vault.

Posses followed and exchanged shots with the desperadoes near Orcutt Lake, immediately after the robbery. The bandits were armed with rifles and the officers carried only revolvers. Sheriff McCullough sent a number of his posse here at noon for firearms, the remainder attempting to hold the robbers at bay until reinforcements could arrive.

Before the men entered the bank they overpowered James Wilson, engineer at the Broken Arrow lighting plant. The bandits cut all the wires running from the plant and threw the city into complete darkness. Then they blew the safe, robbed the bank and escaped on a hand car.

## MODERN AGRICULTURALISTS TO MANAGE PLANTATIONS

New Orleans, La., April 7.—The great plantation estates of Louisiana are rapidly passing from the old owners into the hands of modern agriculturalists. Hardly a week now goes by but that some such transaction is announced. This week the Somerset Plantation, in Tensas Parish, which is one of the finest estates in the south was purchased by William Stiles and his associates of Lafayette, Ind., the consideration announced being \$250,000. The property comprises 15,000 acres of rich alluvial land, 500 of which is cleared and highly improved.

Somerset plantation belonged to the Perkins family, whose hospitality knew no bounds in the old days of Louisiana plantation life. Many changes came. Finally there were but two heirs remaining, the Misses Perkins. One married Lord Richey of England, and both moved to Europe.

According to Mr. Stiles, the new owners will engage in stock raising on a large scale, the open climate supplying grazing all the year round. Much attention will be given hog raising, the increasing corn production in Louisiana having made hog raising a very profitable industry in this state.

Ultimately a large portion of the Somerset estate will be cut up into small farms and sold to thrifty farmers of the north.

## BIG COUNTERFEITING PLANT FOUND AT KANSAS CITY

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., April 7.—What the secret service men believe to be an extended plan to flood the middle west with counterfeit gold coins was discovered today in Kansas City. Reports to the secret service bureau say two men were arrested there with fifty-nine eagles and thirty-two double eagles, probably counterfeit, on them.

Kansas City, Mo., April 7.—Mr. Little and Charles Devault were arrested here Wednesday night. The police say they tried to pass a counterfeit gold eagle at a corner drug store.

R. P. Ironside and wife went to Pryor this morning.

## MILFORD-BERGER SHOE COMPANY.

### Boy Scouts Attention!

The Shoes for your use are now at the commissary Report and inspect forthwith at 109 South Wilson Street.